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Overview

Pre Release Document

This document describes potential changes under review for the October 2014 release (R 39.0). The content of this document is subject to change until final approval.

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1 Release Overview

This section describes proposed changes for the October 2014 Release 39.0, which will have an impact on the *PostalOne!* system, sub systems, or both. The planned implementation date is October 27, 2014.

1.1 Postage Statement Mail Owner Display

For Postage Statement mail owner display, the Company Name and Address of the mail owner that is displayed on the postage statement will be based on the eDoc submitted when the mail owner is identified by a Mailer ID (MID), Customer Registration ID (CRID), or Permit in Mail.dat or Mail.XML submissions. This is the same logic that is currently used to determine the mail owner for Full-Service By/For.

1.2 Nonprofit Authorization Numbers

Currently nonprofit authorization numbers are linked to a permit for each verification facility a mailer uses for nonprofit rate mailings. Nonprofit organizations must hold a permit to receive nonprofit rates at each unit where they enter mail. This often requires mail entry units to open Ghost permits to accommodate nonprofit mailings. The USPS proposes to migrate authorization numbers to the CRID, or company, level.

In the October 2014 release, the Nonprofit authorization number will be attached by the CRID, also referred to as the company location. The CRID must have a valid nonprofit authorization number assigned to it. If confirmed, the system applies the Nonprofit Standard Mail price. If not, the system generates an error message and will not accept the file.

The eDoc submitter may identify each nonprofit organization by a MID, CRID, or Permit in Mail.dat or Mail.XML submissions. Ghost permits will continue to be supported to enable mailers to organize and verify the crosswalk from one USPS identifier to the Nonprofit authorization.

For the Electronic Verification System (eVS), Postal Wizard, and hardcopy entered statements, the Nonprofit Price validation will be on the Mail Owner CRID and Permit Holder CRID fields.

1.3 Mail.dat Shipping Services File Conversion

The upload processing will be enhanced to allow ASCII characters in the un-coded parcel address (.upa) record name for the mail.dat file .upa record address field. This will be done prior to the conversion of Mail.dat fields and records to the Shipping Services File format version 1.6 or higher.

1.4 Seamless Acceptance

Postage assessment of Seamless errors will be automated for the following error types:

- Undocumented
- Delivery Point (eDoc)
- Nesting/Sortation Mail Processing Equipment (MPE)
- Nesting/Sortation (Sampling)
- Postage
- Weight
- Mail Characteristic (content and processing category)
- Barcode Quality

Nesting/Sortation (eDoc) will be assessed for all Full Service eDoc Submitters. Postage statements will not be auto-finalized when permit fees have not been paid for any permit used to pay any portion of the statement.

Undocumented enhancements include:

- Finalized tray based copal mailings with missing consolidator jobs will be imported into Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP) to prevent copal issues causing undocumented pieces.
- A validation to prevent submission of a mail piece unit file (.mpu) record with a postage affixed amount that does not correspond to the appropriate mailer's postage account file (.mpa) postage payment method will be added. This will prevent mismatches causing eDoc import issues and undocumented pieces.
- Postal Wizard will be modified to allow customers to enter hardcopy statements directly into the system at BMEUs for specific mailing scenarios.

1.5 Move Update

Move/Update will no longer be measured in MERLIN, but assessed as a census verification for all eDoc Submitters over 75% Full-Service and free residual Address Change Service (ACS) will be provided for these eDoc Submitters.

1.6 Value Added Refunds (VAR)

Enhancements will be made to combined mailings which have more than one Meter account, and for single statements originating from a BMEU to automatically generate a VAR request. Additionally, the *PostalOne!* system will grant the VAR to the mail preparer when incentive programs require mail owners to submit individual postage statements.

1.7 Periodicals Ad% Treatment

Division by zero will no longer cause a system error. Periodicals mailings will be validated against the Component file Ad% Basis, which must be greater than zero for each component in a mail job with a Periodicals Ad% Treatment value of S if there are multiple .Mail.dat Component records.

1.8 Centralized Account Processing System (CAPS) Fee Renewal Notice Letters

The CAPS Fee Renewal Notice Letters will be updated and will not deduct the annual fee payment for Full-Service Fee Waived Permit(s) that are linked to a CAPS account.

1.9 Business Customer Gateway Redesign

The Incentive Programs and Online Enrollment services will see a new look and feel to match the BCG.

1.9.1 Collect on Delivery (COD)

USPS proposes to add a new Collect on Delivery (COD) application that will provide a solution to expedite the return of the COD payment to the mailer after payment has been collected from the recipient by the USPS carrier or retail associate. The new COD application can be accessed through the BCG and will provide a more timely and easy-to-use COD service, therefore improving the COD process and offering an electronic remittance option for the mailer.

1.9.2 Customer Identification

New functionality will be added to the BCG and MID systems to improve the designation of a CRID. These systems will return a list of business locations that may differ slightly (i.e., by street abbreviation or suite number) to the customer when an attempt is made to add or modify a company name or business location and an exact match cannot be made. The customer will be able to select one of the business locations and an update will be made. The BCG and MID system will begin displaying error messages to the customer if an error was made during the entry of company name or business location information.

2 Other Functionality

2.1 Self-Service Terminal

The Self-Service Terminal will be enhanced to update the mail review placard, which is displayed if a mailing is a mixed or Full-Service mailing, and enhanced data that will become available for reporting, support drop-ship, Precanceled Stamp and Meter mailings.

2.2 Intelligent Mail Barcode Generator

The Intelligent Mail Barcode Generator (IMbG) tool will enable retail and business customers to print Intelligent Mail Barcodes for single piece First-Class Mail. Customers will be able to manually enter or upload address files and print barcodes on single or multiple labels and envelopes. Addresses are verified through the interface with the Address Management System (AMS). A permit is not required and the IMbG Tool will be accessed through the BCG under Mailing Services.

3 Engineering Trouble Reports (ETRs)

3.1 eInduction

The eInduction invoice charges for postage statements containing incentives are now correctly assessed. Previously, the eInduction invoice charges were not accurately assessed. (542)

Reversals for tray based copal jobs are now processing correctly. Previously, after the consolidator job for a tray-based copal job was submitted, the pallet was imported to eInduction, and release messages were generated for Surface Visibility (SV). The postage statements associated to the job were then reversed, but there was not a reversal processed for the containers within eInduction and there was not a container cancel message sent to SV. (1475)

Multiple scans can now be validated if uploaded at the same time. The system ranks by the appointment closeout date (null being last) in order to ensure that the same scan is considered for validation should another post-processing event occur. Previously, there was a possibility that the system would flip the container scan being validated, causing validations to be run again on a different scan. (2081)

The container count on the eInduction Shipping Summary Report is now displaying correctly. Previously, the container count displayed was doubled. (2117)

Facility Access and Shipment Tracking (FAST) appointment IDs are correctly associated to the containers of the most recent appointment and not only to the original container. Previously, when an eDoc was submitted after the FAST appointment was created, FAST appointment IDs were incorrectly associated to only original container instead of the more recent container. (2124)

The eInduction invoice charges for mixed class comail pallets (periodicals and standard mail) are now correctly assessed. Previously, eInduction invoice charges were not accurately assessed. (2125)

The eInduction invoice charges for periodicals advertising and non-advertising pounds, pieces and container are calculating correctly. Previously, the eInduction invoice charges for periodicals advertising and non-advertising pounds, piece and containers charges were not calculating correctly. (2128)

eInduction containers released to SV now bypass appointment validation. Previously, the appointment condition for release was still applied to these containers, when instead it should have been bypassed. (2132)

3.2 Electronic Verification System (eVS)

The new Postage Statement created for non-disputed records when a confirmation file is uploaded to dispute a postage statement now shows the new variance calculations and links to the new Postage Statement Variance Report. Previously, the new Postage Statement did not show new variance calculations or links to a new Postage Statement Variance Report. (1946)

The Manifest Errors on the Detail Report and the adjustment amounts now show on the Monthly Adjustment Tab. Previously, the Manifest Errors on the Detail Report and the adjustment amounts were not showing on the Monthly Adjustment Tab. (3439)

3.3 Seamless Acceptance

Several issues impacting the import of eDoc into SASP from *PostalOne*, which are impacted undocumented pieces are being resolved:

- During the finalization process, some Mail.dat tray-based copal jobs are being incorrectly linked to postage statements that are not from that job. This mismatch between job ID and postage statement prevents jobs from being imported into SASP. (PO! 1628)
- Mail.XML containers with a sortation level of BA (Urban Direct), BB (Rural Direct), BC (Station), BD (City), BE (FSA), BF (DCF), BG (FCP), BH (Province), BI (Residual), BJ (Foreign), BK (Country), BL (Mixed Country), or BM (M Bags), (PO! 3325)
- Internal Copal consolidator jobs submitted prior to the finalization of the origin job's postage statement. (PO! 2052)
- Containers with enclosures are not correctly being exposed to SASP for mixed-class co-mail Standard mail. (PO! 1499)
- SASP is incorrectly handling the processing of the resubmission of a job that's been reversed, deleted from PostalOne!, re-uploaded on a different postage statement, and finalized before the reversal processing has completed. (SASP 230)

Submission of Logical Handling Units (HUs) associated to a physical container, the system incorrectly marks the Logical HUs and associated sibling Physical HUs as Orphans, causing potentially incorrect nesting errors from manual sampling on these HUs and excluding them from eDoc presort Depth of Sort verifications. (SASP 11)

Change of Address error totals on Mailer Scorecard are artificially low. (SASP 252)